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The International Conference on Cyber Security (ICCS) 2010, a joint effort between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Fordham University, brought together global leaders and representatives from over 40 countries in emerging cyber threat analysis and enforcement at Fordham University's Lincoln Center campus, August 2-5, 2010. Among the top speakers to present at this event was FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III.

For the second year in a row, Fordham has partnered with the FBI to sponsor this conference. The working relationships between law enforcement professionals and those in the private sector and academia are instrumental in combating cyber crimes worldwide. Representatives from various law enforcement and government agencies, academic institutions, and private industries enjoyed presentations, exhibitions, and access to networking opportunities. Participants discussed advancements in the field of cyber security and emerging cyber threats, in addition to other related topics.



From left to right: Trustee, Fordham University Mark Tuohey; FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III; FBI New York Acting Assistant Director in Charge George Venizelos, and Chairman of the Fordham University Board of Trustees John Tognino
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Speaking at the conference, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III said, "No one country, no one company, and no one agency can stop cyber crime. A 'bar the windows and bolt the doors' mentality will not ensure our collective safety. Fortresses will not hold forever; walls will one day fall down. We must start at the source; we must find those responsible."

Acting Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI New York Division George Venizelos said, "We are joined today by our domestic associates as well as representatives from many countries throughout the world. In addition to our domestic partnerships, the international partnerships we share provide invaluable contributions and intelligence sharing efforts for use in examining the field of cyber security. ICCS 2010 has served as a perfect venue to advance the fight against cyber crime."

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Left to right: Fordham University President Father McShane, Chairman of the Fordham University Board of Trustees John Tognino, and FBI New York Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Cyber/Special Operations Division Austin Berglas

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President of Fordham Joseph McShane, S.J., welcomed participants to the event. “Learning—information—has a privileged place in the academy. Therefore, it is both natural and providential that Fordham join with the FBI to convene experts in law enforcement, academia, and industry on the integrity of the nation’s cyber infrastructure. In its second year, this conference, and the close partnership it represents, is a model way forward in protecting what has become a critical component of the global intellectual marketplace.”

FBI New York Special Agent in Charge of the Cyber/Special Operations Division Mary Galligan said, “The growth of cyber crime and the impact it has on the world affects not only the United States, but the international community as well. ICCS afforded the FBI and our foreign law enforcement partners an opportunity to share ideas and enhance the already strong bond that exists around the globe. The mitigation of today’s complex cyber crime can only be achieved through collaboration between the public and private sector.”



Student Ambassadors from Fordham University with FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III (center left) and FBI New York Acting Assistant Director in Charge George Venizelos (center right)

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